

20 February 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT: Procedures Recommended in Compliance with DCI's Delegation of Authority for Approval of FI Projects

REFERENCES: a. Memo to DD/P fr DCI, subj: Approval of FI Projects, dtd 30 Jan 54 (ER 4-8130)

b. Memo to C/OPS fr C/FI, subj as above, dtd 15 Feb 54 with attachment

1. I have studied Reference "b" in relation to Reference "a" and wish to submit the following comments relative to the attachment to Reference "b" which has been prepared by the Chief, FI, for signature by C/OPS.

a. The heading of paragraph 1 of attachment to Reference "b" should provide authorization to approve, renew, etc., on a fiscal year basis insofar as funds are concerned. There is, of course, no objection to the approval of projects operationally on a calendar year basis, subject to availability and allocation of funds at the beginning of the next fiscal year. It is, however, illegal to approve funds for any activity beyond the expiration of the fiscal year during which the approval is granted.

b. The authorization from the Director specifically authorizes delegation in writing from the Chief of Operations to the Chief, FI, for individual projects involving an expenditure of less than \$5,000. Therefore, the C/OPS is not authorized to delegate to the Chief, FI, authority to approve new FI basic plans or projects up to and including the sum of \$5,000. All projects which involve sums of \$5,000 or more must be referred to C/OPS or the DD/P.

c. There does not appear to be any necessity for including the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence in paragraph 2 of attachment to Reference "b". It is not believed that it is intended that Chief, FI, refer action directly to the DCI.

d. There is no authority contained in the delegation from the DCI to redelegate any of this authority to the Deputy Chief, FI; therefore, paragraph 3 of attachment to Reference "b" should be deleted.

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Chief of Administration, DD/P

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